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MEMORANDEM FOR: Colonel White

SUBJECT: Relocation of Fence - Rear of I, J, K, and L Buildings

- l. A re-examination of the relationships of roadway, fence, buildings, and guard posts and the security implications involved in moving the fence developed the fact that earlier staff studies contained an error of confusion on the question of the possible elimination of guard posts.
- 2. The original proposal for moving the fence was to move it to the south side of the road, which would have necessitated the establishment of a 24-hour guard post at each end of the roadway. The second proposal for relocation of the fence was to move it closer to the buildings on the north side of the roadway. This would have required, so far as roadway guards are concerned, only one 8-hour guard post at the entrance end, which would have been a considerable savings over the two 24-hour posts required by the first proposal.
- 3. A second consideration on the elimination of the guard posts had to do with the reduction of interior guard posts at the rear of the four buildings involved. The elimination of two of these posts is not dependent upon the relocation of the fence. However, in the process of revision of the various studies, this distinction was not clearly drawn, and the letter of 8 January requesting approval of the relocation of the fence was in error in its discussion of savings which could be accomplished by the elimination of guard posts.

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